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**CTWG COMMANDERS' CALL**  
**MINUTES**  
**6 October 2004**

**Attendance**

**Name:**

WING COMMANDER	COL. PALMER
VICE COMMANDER	MAJ OSBORN
CHIEF OF STAFF	LTC ROWEN
STATE DIRECTOR	MR. ISABELLE
103 <sup>RD</sup> COMP. SQ. - CT004	LT VASINGTON(NP)
SILVER CITY COMP. SQ. - CT014	MAJ DAVIAULT
STRATFORD EAGLES COMP. SQ. - CT022	LTC MC DONOUGH (EX)
169 <sup>TH</sup> COMPOSITE SQUADRON - CT027	MAJ MAGURANY
399 <sup>TH</sup> COMPOSITE SQUADRON - CT042	LT BOFFARDI
C. K. HAMILTON COMP. SQ. - CT058	LT TRUJILLO
NORTHWEST HILLS COMP. SQ. - CT062	MAJ MAFFIA (REP)
ROYAL CDT. COMP. SQ. - CT071	(REP)
CT MINUTEMEN COMP. SQ. - CT073	CAPT DALEY
DANIELSON COMP. SQ. - CT074	MAJ PROVOST
THAMES RIVER COMP. SQ. - CT075	LTC KINCH

(REP) Representative, (NP) Not Present, (EX) Excused

Meeting called to order by LTC Rowen at 1931 hours

**COLONEL PALMER**

- Need to have Major Wrobel get out to everyone where the CISM class is being held.
- Squadron commanders that were at cadet ball take back to your cadets that it looked like everyone had a good time at the cadet ball. The food was pretty good. I still am concerned about some of their dancing.
- I will get a copy out to you a memorandum from the Air Force to CAP regarding PLBs (Personal Locator Beacons). It's in regard to training. They are manually activated. About the size of a cigarette case. They transmit on 406mhz. They have a homing beacon on 121.5 and is also in Morse code key identifier sent out with a letter P. They have GPS in them also. If you recall, when we did training on the old ELT training units we had to coordinate with AFRCC so that they knew there was a test going on. That's basically what they are saying here. There is a form to fill out. CAP is going through this and will train for this. What may happen is the state's responsibility to take care of these alerts but they fall to us. We will train with the PLT. Will keep an eye on National on what they are going to do.
- My company has opened up a new branch and it just happens to be in Bristol and I was lucky enough to be transferred there. My number is 860-585-8375. We are open for business and that is where you can reach me.
- I would like to know what you poll your cadets. I'm going to have CAC do this also. Regard to the color guard competition. We had one squadron ready to go. I don't know if this is just timing as school year kicks up. We know that it has to do with time of year and promotions. I don't know if we need to bother with it anymore because participation has gone down very low. Are we holding it too early, too late or is there no interest. Poll your cadets, put your suggestions in and forward them to

me. I understand the timing issue with MSGts, etc. We need to look at it and unless I get all that information – maybe we can do something to change that. I would like to keep that activity going if possible. (Trujillo-I do have some cadets who are interested in it. The cadets we had were not prepared to participate.) Certain individuals on a team have to be on certain ranks and do we want to hold up their Mitchell, how old they are, high school, armed services, they want to have at least an Earhardt. Without info from you folks we can't make a decision. (Provost – Is it possible to notify National to change the ranking a little bit? The younger cadets are not ready to do it and the older cadets don't want to wait for their rank.)

- LTC David Hull has resigned his position due to various reasons. We are looking at a new commander for there. Nothing has been put in stone as yet.
- Captain Boudreau has resigned at 399<sup>th</sup>. Lt Boffardi has accepted command. Please welcome him aboard.
- In light of things happening in threes, I was informed this evening our current Vice Commander has resigned effective immediately for personal reasons and I have accepted his resignation. I'll be sad to see him go. He has requested a six-month leave of absence. He has been given that and hopefully we can get him back on Wing staff. I have a lot thinking to do before I make a decision asking someone to move into that position or putting it out to anyone who wants it. You will only hear from me – do not listen to rumor mills. If it doesn't have my signature on the e-mail or on a letter, it's not true. Rumors start to fly when something happens. I wish all three gentleman good luck and well wishes on their endeavors and am saddened by all their resignations. We must move on and try to get strong.
- I have had personal family matters to take care of and fortunately, keeping my fingers crossed, they are all settled. I will make up a new visitation schedule.
- My best to your and your members – keep up the good work. We all have a lot of hard work ahead of us.
- November 6-8, 2004 – Wing will be under Compliance Inspection. Some vans will probably need to be brought up here to be inspected. Aircraft will probably also be inspected. If staff is requesting information they need, please try to comply. They are trying to get everything put together for their inspection.

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#### **LTC ROWEN**

- Safety was not able to be here tonight. He has asked me to make reference to the briefings you got in your mailboxes about the Fall. Thing to look out for, the leaves on the grass make the road as slick as ice when they are wet. When raking leaves, watch your backs. Check your furnaces, replace filters and make sure running correctly and make sure connections are correct. Please pass information on to your squadron members.
- Financial annual reports are due. Make sure they get in please.

#### **MAJOR OSBORN**

- As a result of an accident during my vacation, I had to send three kids home without me because I needed to stay in Panama. They handled very well with the training they have had. It is a tribute what you all do as squadron commanders when you see these kind of things in young people.
- Want to thank everyone I have worked with.

#### **COL STURGES**

- Very critical – 116 test has been upgraded and everyone in your squadron has to take the test on line before November 26. I have a listing from National showing who has to retake the test. Once the test is taken it will pop off the list. You can go in system and watch your squadron taking their tests.
- 101 cards themselves. You need to get each individual to get their information in the system. It then goes to someone in the squadron, either the squadron commander or whomever the squadron has designated to approve the qualifications. Once that is approved, it comes to Wing for validation. Those of you who have cadets, it is a little more complicated procedure. In order for them to get their 101 they must the Curry. Once they put the Curry in it comes to me for validation. I get back right away approval. Once they are validated they can put in their information.
- The last thing I have to talk about is OTE, Observer Training Exercise (what was known as an Eval). We are doing one this month, 23-24 October, whatever that Saturday is. RI is being evaluated on their

part and we are being looked at to see what we are doing. Colonel Palmer has requested that all squadrons take part as a Wing. I need from you tonight, I need two things from every squadron. 1. If you are having a ground team and e-mail addresses where I can e-mail the squadron commander. For the CT portion, mission base or the command base, will be at Stratford. LTC McDonough will be the IC trainee. Call Stratford and tell them that you have a ground team ready, what your location is so we can send them out. Since this is RI's exercise, I have no idea when and if they are going to release anybody. My promise to the Commander at our last meeting is that we will have targets here in CT. We will put you to work early in the morning. So if you tell me you have a squadron out there, then there will be a target for you. You will not be counting cars or collecting water out of the river. It will be a target for you.

- I want to thank Lt Trujillo for doing a fabulous job at the pre-eval. He set up a target where an elt was going off.
- I need to know tonight what squadrons are going to have ground teams there so that we can get targets for you. Those who have ELTS – we need two more up here to cover RI. The night before the scenario will be given to the IC. We may pull you off for tasking from RI, but there will be something there for every squadron. Be available by 8:30 in the morning.

#### **LTC MYLCHREEST**

- Operations has developed a rotation schedule for the planes. We are refining it to make sure that everyone is included. The days you have the aircraft will be adjusted. Hopefully we will get that out quickly and get to you as soon as possible.
- Lt Daley – how do we get a tie down. We haven't had one there for a while and it was taken away. (Rowen – talk to the airport manager – we can give him a copy of the schedule when it is worked out.

#### **LT BOFFARDI**

- Squadron attending Region Conference. C/Sgt Winkler took second place in the speech competition.
- We assisted Northwest Hills the past couple weeks.
- Our safety display tied first place with New York Wing.
- Bradley Air Museum Open Cockpit on 10 October – Senator McCane will be there that day.

#### **MAJOR MAFFIA**

- Had a couple activities with Danbury and a few other squadrons.
- Last Thursday with the “no school” program we did a new program at the school and also included the JROTC cadets.
- This past weekend we did the Harwinton Fair with New Haven and Danbury – fundraiser.
- This coming weekend we have the Open Cockpit at Bradley.
- (Rowen-do you know if you have people coming to the CISM seminar? Encourage at least one member, it would be a good idea.) I don't know if anyone is coming.

#### **MAJOR MAGURANY**

- Helped a couple squadrons.
- Helped at the Wapping Fair
- Had a bake sale and made some money there.
- Don't know if we will have a ground team for this coming exercise.
- Do have someone coming to CISM (four, possibly six)
- Getting some cadets in

#### **LT TRUJILLO**

- Had a fairly quiet month.
- Had a promotion for one cadet. Had three new cadets who signed up.

#### **MAJOR DAVIAULT**

- In September helped the Young Eagles at the Meriden Airport parking, etc.
- Went to Lake George for Region Conference. Got first place for the AE Display.

- Worked the Durham Fair.
- Cadet Ball last weekend.
- Have a few members going to the CISM Training.
- Can't participate in OTE – doing a fundraiser parking cars at the gun show at Fair Grounds.
- May be helping parking for the National Trails event.
- October 11 – having a Mitchell Ceremony.

#### **CAPT DALEY**

- Helped at the festival, Durham Fair and the Harwinton Fair.
- We have an opportunity to possibly have the van painted by the school as classroom training for mechanics in the automotive section. (Rowen – see LTC Brignola).
- This coming weekend have a parade in East Haven.

#### **MAJOR PROVOST**

- We have our annual fundraiser at Woodstock.
- Will participate in the OTE.
- Working on the squadron headquarters. When we are done we will have an opening.
- Should be having a Mitchell coming up.
- To best of knowledge, do not have anyone coming to CISM course. (Rowen – need a Form 17 completed with a check for \$25 – money covers the food for both days plus certificates, etc.)

Meeting adjourned at 2015 hours. Dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cassandra Huchko, LTC, CAP  
CTWG DA/DP